

Self-Sufficiency in Oilseed Production

4819. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any programme to achieve self-sufficiency and increase Indian share in the World oilseeds trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether large industrial houses are seeking entry for processing of major oilseeds reserved for the small-scale sector;

(d) if so, its impact on the small-scale industry; and

(e) whether any state-of-the-art technology has been evolved to crash the oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Technology Mission on Oilseeds developed an integrated policy with four pronged strategy covering crop production, post harvest technology, farmer services inputs and market intervention/price support to bring about self-sufficiency in oilseeds and increase exports from this sector.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Under the Industrial Development and Regulation Act, the processing of the major oilseeds *i.e.* mustard/rapeseeds, groundnut and sesamun is reserved for the small-scale sector.

(e) The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed an

improved oil expeller to improve the recovery and quality of the oil and oil cake.

Agricultural growth Rate

4820. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth rate of agriculture during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the proposed annual growth rate for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the foodgrain requirement by 2000 A.D. ; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Compound growth rate of GDP from agriculture sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-86-1989-90) was estimated as 3.5% percent per annum.

(b) The agriculture sector is proposed to grow at a rate of 3.0 per cent per annum during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The foodgrains requirement for the year 2000 A.D. as calculated at the time of formulation of VII Five Year Plan is estimated to be about 240 million tonnes.

(d) To increase the growth rate in foodgrain and agriculture sector as a whole, various crop production oriented programmes are being implemented which includes Special Foodgrains programme (SFPP) Wheat, Pules and Maize & Millets; National Pulses Development Project (NPDP); Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP); Integrated Cotton Development programme (ICDP); Inter-acted programme of Rice Development